



NEYLAND YACHT CLUB

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Newsletter – Autumn 2022

A message from the Commodore Welcome to this edition of the NYC newsletter. As the season draws to a close it is pleasing to be able to reflect on all the sailing and other activities that have gone on this year. It has been a time of opening up, dusting down and getting the social and sailing aspects of the club back up and running as our confidence of dealing with COVID gathers momentum – pray it will continue. The juniors have enjoyed a full season of training and my thanks go to all the instructors for their time and commitment. Indeed, I offer my thanks to all the support members have shown in different ways, on and off the water and I wish a fair wind and safe travel.

I also wish to mark the passing of one of the founder members of NYC. John (The Boot) Edwards will be fondly remembered for his lifelong association with the club and for his nurturing of junior sailing. RIP, John and fair winds.

Keith Howell

Training Congratulations to Emily on her recent appointment as Training Principal. This season has been a busy time for Junior Training, with 19 boys and girls taking to the water each week to develop their skills. As Emily says, “with the superstars we’ve had with us, some have progressed through two staged badges in one season, while others have honed their skills and had their confidence boosted through sailing in a wide range of weather conditions. Everybody has been impressed by the commitment and perseverance the youngsters have shown.” With one final weekend of training left the instructors will be looking out for who will win the star prizes to be presented later in the autumn. Emily and her team want to thank all those parents and other helpers who have supported the training this year. Extra help is always needed, on and off the water. If you think you might like to be involved next year in any way please contact Emily. One way is to email Principal@neylandyachtclub.co.uk

The club owes a debt of gratitude to Rhys, the outgoing Training Principal, for the enormous amount of energy and dedication he has given over the past few years. We thank him and wish him continued success with his venture at Dale. Hopefully we will still see him around NYC from time to time.

Dinghies So much has happened that it is difficult to know where to start – how about the beginning? The NYC Dinghy Regatta, held in May, saw a total of 16 boats on the water, with visitors coming from as far afield as the Solent. After some close and exciting racing, including a novel long distance trip to Benton Castle, the winner of Division 1, Jenny (Hayling Island YC), said how enjoyable and friendly sailing at Neyland was!



Regular weekday racing has been held on Tuesdays this year and congratulations must go to Laser sailor Eloise for winning her first Div 1 trophy in the Spring Series and to Nina for first place in Div 2. An honourable mention to novice sailor Elliott Underwood (32) for third place in his first season. As he said, “with a safety boat there to look after me and tell me what to do, what did I have to worry about?” The Summer Series is now drawing to a close with a tight finish expected between Eloise and John Thompson in his Flying 15. Full results of both series are on the club website: www.neylandyachtclub.co.uk

Meanwhile, NYC has been represented by our young Laser sailors at the ILCA National regatta. Eloise finished 23rd in the ILCA4 Silver Fleet and Finn came 42nd in the ILCA 7s. The local Tera sailors went en masse to the National and World competitions. Nina came 10th in the Nationals and 17th in the Worlds and only narrowly missed being in the top three girls. And, well done to Sirene who was first placed girl in the RS Tera Sport fleet at the Eric Twiname Championships held this year on Rutland Water. Space prevents more here but the Dinghy Captain, Simon, will have much more to say at the presentation evening (see Dates for Your Diary, below).



Cruisers The larger boats have been enjoying the longer summer evenings since April in their Wednesday racing. In the Spring Series, Richard Inledon and his crew on Fourplay regularly saw off the opposition to win Division 1 with six 1^{sts} and a 2nd place. Over the summer John Nutting's Jaloha, helmed by Paul Harries, has been enjoying more success and has tied with Fourplay on points at the top of the table. In Division 2, Sea Otter, helmed by Dave Goodman was almost as unbeatable in the Spring, scoring four 1^{sts} and three 2^{nds}. In the Summer Series it has been a different story, with Paul Rendall's Placebo and Luke Howell's Chiron battling each other at the front of the fleet.

Neyland Cruiser Week, held at the end of June, saw 7 boats fighting for the honours, with different boats winning each of the four races. A special mention must go to Grey Knight carrying Rod Kirk, supported by his friends and family, for their 1st place in Race 3 as part of their preparations before heading off to sail in the Cork Week regatta. The recent Bank Holiday NYC Cruiser Regatta was also well supported with a total of 11 boats in the two divisions. Enormous thanks are due to the generous local companies who donated prizes for this event: Dale Sailing, Audrey Johns, The Alumchine, Castle Printwear and Ratseys. Full results of all the races over the year can be found on the club website: www.neylandyachtclub.co.uk

Club Clothing For a range of good quality, reasonably priced clothing embroidered with the NYC name and badge, visit www.castleprintwear.co.uk and follow the links to Clubs and Charities. Polos from £10, Sweatshirts from £15, Hoodies from £20. Samples to view in the Alumchine.



Upcoming events – dates for your diary

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 26th October. Not as boring as it sounds. Please try to attend because as members you have a right to help guide the club over the next twelve months and beyond.

Laying Up Supper and Presentation Evening: Friday 4th November. An end of season get together, open to all members, not just those with boats.

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday 18th December (to be confirmed). Come and meet Santa as he arrives on his boat.

Renewal reminder Please remember that annual renewals for membership fall due at the beginning of October.

Renewing your subscription can be done by online banking. Here is a reminder of our account details:

Account name: Neyland Yacht Club Account number: 13220060 Sort Code: 20-37-82

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